AN ORDINANCE RE-AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DHSS) AND SUCH FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER OR RURAL HEALTH CENTER, AS ASSIGNED BY DHSS, FOR DEPUTIZING AND OVERSIGHT OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES FOR UNDERINSURED CHILDREN, WHICH AGREEMENT WAS LAST AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE 13-075

WHEREAS, the federal agencies overseeing health have issued guidance to states to have Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) to share in the services provided to underinsured children; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has provided a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Delegation of Authority to deputize the St. Charles County Department of Public Health (SCCDPH) to provide certain services to underinsured children, specifically immunization of underinsured eligible children; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Council authorized such an MOU in Ordinance 13-075; and
WHEREAS, underinsured children are defined as children who have commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines, a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only), or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount; and

WHEREAS, The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the DHSS have issued guidance regarding deputization by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) of other VFC providers in their state to authorize those providers to immunize the federally eligible children category of underinsured children; and

WHEREAS, the capacity of FQHCs and RHCs to serve underinsured children is not sufficient to meet the need of underinsured children entitled to VFC common childhood vaccine, and extending VFC authority to the other VFC providers, such as the SCCDPH, serves to meet the needs of these underinsured children by providing increased access to such additional children at additional provider sites; and

WHEREAS, the State DHSS has assigned St. Charles County to the administrative deputization of the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center Rural Health Clinic (1996) and
WHEREAS, deputization for the SCCDPH will benefit St. Charles County children by making this service available to underinsured or uninsured children who are seen at the St. Charles County Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 70, Revised Statutes of Missouri, authorizes intergovernmental agreements between political subdivisions for the purposes herein set out.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County Executive or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center Rural Health Clinic as set forth in EXHIBIT A. The County Executive is hereby further authorized to negotiate and execute additional Memorandums of Understanding for this purpose, such agreements to be in a form approved by the County Counselor.

Section 2. The Memorandum of Understanding shall be substantially the same in form and content as that attached hereto as EXHIBIT A.

Section 3. The County Executive has indicated that compliance with all the terms of the memorandum of understanding shall be the responsibility of the St. Charles County Department of Public Health.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval and such
contract amendment authorized herein shall be valid upon its execution as required by Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center Rural Health Clinic (1996)

AND

St. Charles County Department of Public Health

AND

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)

FOR

Deputizing and Oversight of Local Public Health Agencies to Provide Vaccines for Children (VFC) Purchased Vaccine to Entitled Underinsured Children

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Health and Human Services have issued guidance regarding deputization by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) of other VFC providers in their state to authorize those providers to immunize the federally vaccine-eligible children category of underinsured children.

Background:
In many states, the capacity of FQHC/RHCs to serve underinsured children is not sufficient to meet the need of underinsured children entitled to VFC vaccine. Until underinsurance among children is eliminated by full implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), extending VFC authority to other VFC providers serves as a bridging mechanism by which underinsured children will have increased access to VFC vaccine at additional provider sites.

In conformance with VFC Deputization Guidance dated April 30, 2012, and as may be revised,

1. The undersigned Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Clinics hereby confer authority to (i.e., deputize) the VFC providers listed in Appendix A to serve as their agents in immunizing federally vaccine-eligible children who are underinsured as defined under subsection 1928(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act, with the understanding that –
a. such other VFC providers have been identified by the undersigned VFC awardee, DHSS, and approved by the CDC for such designation;
b. the VFC awardee, DHSS, and CDC retain their respective responsibilities for oversight of all VFC operations by such deputized VFC providers, including oversight of their roles in immunizing underinsured children;
c. federally purchased vaccine for use by deputized VFC providers in immunizing underinsured children is provided directly by CDC’s vaccine distribution system to the deputized providers;
d. the VFC awardee, DHSS, and/or CDC may remove any deputized VFC provider from Appendix A in their roles of VFC program oversight in which case such provider shall lose deputization status;
e. each undersigned FQHC/RHC must comply with the requirements of such VFC Deputization Guidance;
f. any undersigned FQHC/RHC may withdraw from this MOU with 90 days written notice to the undersigned VFC awardee, DHSS official; and
g. each deputizing FQHC/RHC retains all of its authorities as a VFC provider, including the ability to immunize underinsured children.

2. Each deputized VFC provider listed in Appendix A shall comply with the requirements in such VFC Deputization Guidance, this deputization MOU, and with all other applicable VFC program requirements, including –
   a. agreement to vaccinate “walk-in” VFC-eligible underinsured children as defined under subsection 1928(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act;
   b. screening for VFC eligibility, including for underinsured status, at every visit by any child less than 19 years of age;
   c. reporting to the VFC awardee, in manner and time as decided by the awardee, all requirements set forth in the guidance;
   d. compliance with any additional VFC requirements as the VFC awardee, DHSS, or CDC may from time to time impose; and
   e. reporting to the VFC awardee, DHSS, the total number of doses of vaccine administered to underinsured children in deputized clinics, by age category (age <1, 1-2 years, 3-6 years and 7-18 years old).
We, the undersigned, have read and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this MOU and will retain a copy of this MOU. This MOU shall be in effect for a three-year period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2023. Either party may terminate this MOU without cause, upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

By: Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center Rural Health Clinic (1996)

[Signature]
Date: 10-23-2020

By: St. Charles County Department of Public Health

Director: _____________________
Date: ________________________

I hereby acknowledge the responsibilities as delineated above:

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Division of Administration, Division Director: _____________________
Date: ________________________

cc: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Immunization Services Division
# APPENDIX A

List of Deputized VFC Providers

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